



PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kazuo OKADA

Application No.: 10/697,086

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: GAMING MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0044

Examiner: M. D. Hoel

Art Unit: 3713

Confirmation No.: **9733**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed and in response to the final Office Action dated May 5, 2006, the period for response being extended to September 5, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-6 and 9 and 11 are pending in the application: By this amendment, claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 2 and 4 are amended.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)